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OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action (NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE) dated January 25, 2006, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amendment to the specification; and  
Remarks.